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Northern Cheyenne Research Team Finds No Data Exists

TRIBAL PRESIDENT ALLEN ROWLAND
Feathered Shield Hears Upside-down

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Miscall (Mont.) and Sen. Clifford Hansen (Wyo.) on the federal coal leasing program. Montana's Lt. Gov. Bill Christiansen and former Gov. Forrest Anderson both spoke.

Testimony was overwhelmingly against federal management of coal leasing — "it's like letting the wolf mind the sheep," as one put it. Most seemed to feel the present administration is securely wedded to big industry which is doing the best it can.

Paul Schmehel, vice president and general manager of Western Energy Co., said strip mining is absolutely necessary in the Northern Great Plains.

Western Energy, wholly owned by Montana Power Co., has about 833 million tons of coal reserves at Colstrip, more than 25,000 acres of coal

lands, we're losing an additional 2,000 acres from the federal inventory," he said. "I'm afraid nothing can be said to emotionally comfort the people who have lived the good old days," he added.

A basic study prior to any strip mining activity is required by the Tribal Council President Allen Chassey. "We have to make sure that any other Appalachia out in our country," he said.

Landowners
Associations stated that the eventual commitment of the federal government to strip development clearly indicates disregard and ignorance of the Department of EPA policies.

Landowner spokesman
John W. Hays said that the Cheyenne landowners have never been consulted about the leasing of their individual lands, nor been informed by the BIA about the failure of the strip mining industry and leases. This "is being viewed as a gross violation of the Indian Landowners' right to the part of the BIA."

Landowners
The magnitude, nature, and rapidity with which these lands are being leased to strip mining on the Cheyenne can only be felt as modern day genocide.

Many opposed to real development in Montana, the BIA has been forced to use MFCIA coal coal-oriented underindustrialization the strip mining industry. The BIA is the federal government in the west.

John Hays said the calculated elimination of the

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And today, looking for funding for a badly needed new clinic, he says, "I'm not counting on Congress. I don't have much faith in them."

Still, he's gone through the motions. The Tribe has been unable to get a commitment on Indian Health Service leasing (what the BIA calls contracting); Sen. Mansfield and Metcalf have asked the Appropriations committee for \$1.9 million needed. Rowland and others have flown to Washington, D.C., for a series of hearings.

"The hearings are a bunch of bullshit. They only give you two minutes ... you can't say anything in that time."

As an example of red tape, he tells of trying

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BIA SUPERINTENDENT ALONZO SPANG
He's First Northern Cheyenne

Spang Listed

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and ignorance of state and reservation legal protections and provisions for equal opportunity employment.

Money, he says, should be appropriated for a statewide state employment office or the reservation.

Reserve

Two Northern Cheyenne reservation candidates defeated incumbent trustees in the Kirby school district 17K election, to acquire majority on the three-member board.

Though the majority of the district population lives on the reservation, this is the first time in history for a candidate

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